

HO-1048

4109 College Avenue
Private

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Maryland Inventory of

Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. HO-1048

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic

other

2. Location

street and number 4109 College Avenue not for publication

city, town Ellicott City ☒ vicinity

county Howard

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Historic Ellicott Properties, Inc.

street and number 4100 College Ave. telephone 443-310-7684

city, town Ellicott City state MD zip code 21043

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Howard County Courthouse liber 5546 folio 30

city, town Ellicott City tax map 25 tax parcel 159 tax ID number

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
- ☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
- ☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- ☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- ☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
- ☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
- ☐ Other: _____

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	1
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	0
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> defense	0
		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	0
		<input type="checkbox"/> education	0
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	1
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	0
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	0
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	0
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	0
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	0
			Total
			0

Number of Contributing Resources
previously listed in the Inventory

0

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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The house at 4109 College Avenue is located on the northeast side of the road, about ½ mile southeast of Ellicott City in northeastern Howard County, Maryland. The house faces southwest toward the road and is set about 40 feet back from the road, on a generally flat site that contains no outbuildings. The house is a two-story, three-bay by two-bay brick house of running bond, painted white, with a CMU foundation and a hip roof with asphalt shingles.

House, exterior

On the southwest elevation the first story has a center doorway with fluted pilasters, a broken pediment with an urn in the center, and a new steel door. There is a one-over-one sash to each side and they are vinyl, with fake shutters, and sloped brick sills. These are typical for the house. The second story has three one-over-one sash. There is a small, shallow ogee on the cornice, and an exterior brick chimney on the northwest.

The northwest elevation has a one-over-one sash to the north of the chimney on the first story and a fifteen-light door to the west, with several muntins broken out. There is a one-story, two-bay porch here with a flagstone deck that has brick edging, three plastic posts, a bead-board soffit, and a shed roof. The second story has two one-over-one sash.

The southeast elevation has a one-over-one sash in the center of the first story and two one-over-one sash on the second story. The northeast elevation, in the east bay, has a one-over-one sash on both the first and second stories. The center and north bays project about 2 feet, with a modern addition on the first story, in the center, and two one-over-one sash on the second story. The north bay of the first story has a one-over-one sash.

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House, interior

The house has a hall-parlor plan that is single-pile on the southeast and double-pile to the northwest, with a kitchen located in the center of the rear, and a modern addition on the rear of it. The house is carpeted throughout, with paneling, flat ogee modern trim and new doors on both stories.

The front door opens into the west room, with a straight run of stairs ahead that is partially open on the west room side, with a very new newel, balusters, and railing. The west room north corner has a fireplace that is closed off, with a brick hearth and a wood mantel that has Corinthian columns and an applied ribbon festoon on the frieze. It is now painted white.

The north room has a corner cupboard in the north corner that has reeded pilasters, and a broken ogee pediment with finial. The top door has a round arch with six lights in the arch and twelve below. The bottom door has crossbuck panels, with the top of the top panel arched. They are hung on butt hinges with ball finials. The kitchen is all modern, with a drop ceiling and drywall above it.

The second story plan matches the first story, and also has a cross-passage in the center. The ceiling has textured plaster and at the outer walls follows the pitch of the rafters for about 18 inches on all sides. The center rear room is a bathroom with a black and white tile floor and white tile with black trim on the walls. Only the bathtub is old, and appears to date to the 1930s or '40s. The stairs to the attic are in the west chamber. The rafters are 2 by 6 dimensional timber with a ridge beam, and have solid board sheathing. The basement has 2 by 8 dimensional joists that run northeast-southwest, with cross-bracing.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/	<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____	

Specific dates N/A

Architect/Builder N/A

Construction dates c. 1938

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 1.37 A
Acreage of historical setting 1.37 A
Quadrangle name Ellicott City

Quadrangle scale: 1:24000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundaries consist of the outlines of the property, tax map 25, parcel 159, which encompasses all of the historic buildings and features on the site.

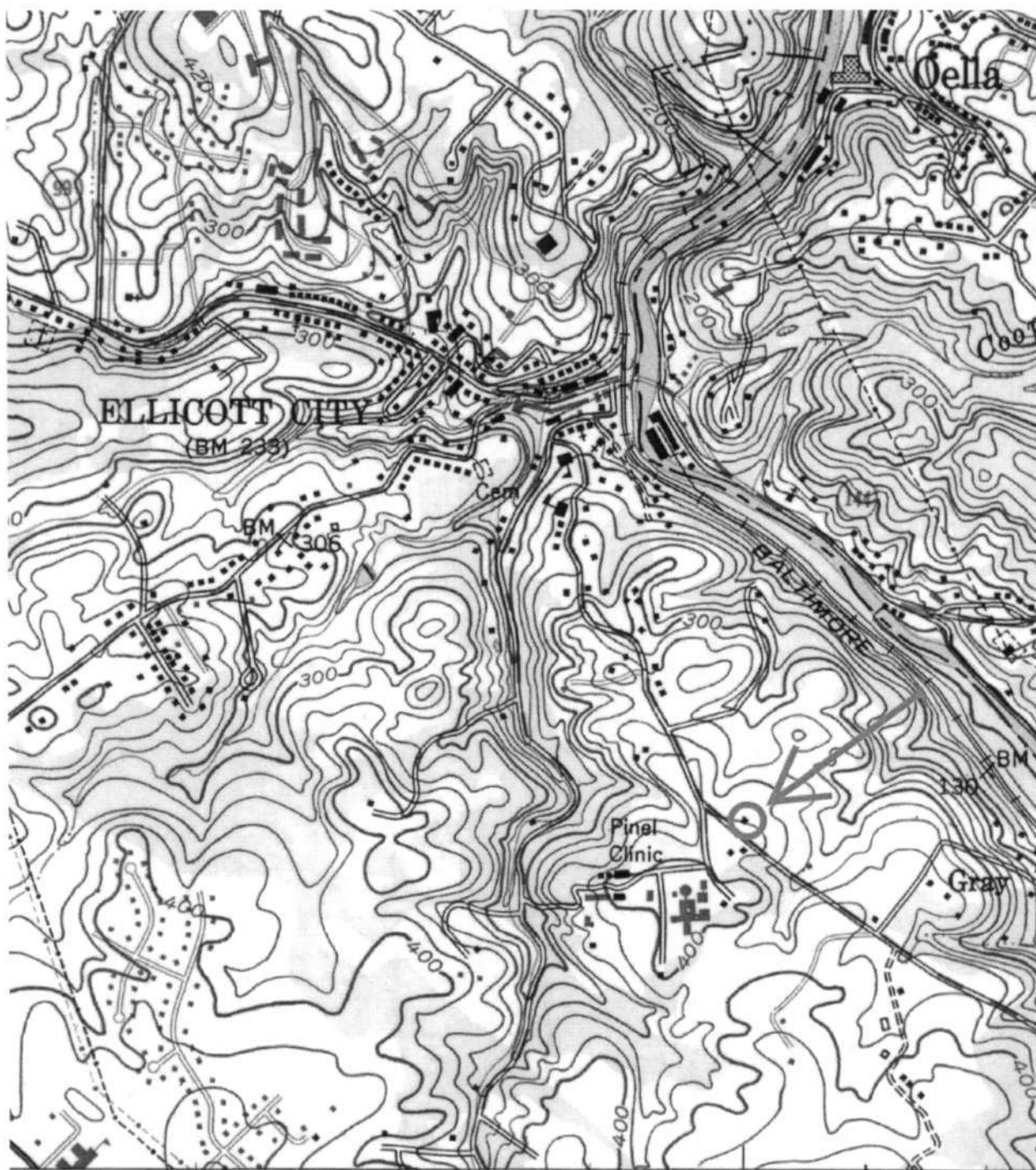
11. Form Prepared by

name/title	Ken Short		
organization	Howard County Department of Planning & Zoning	date	October 2011
street & number	3430 Courthouse Drive	telephone	410-313-4335
city or town	Ellicott City	state	MD

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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4109 College Avenue
 Ellicott City quad

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4109 College Avenue
Howard County, Maryland
Ken Short, photographer

Photo Log

Nikon D-70 camera
HP Premium Plus paper
HP Gray Photo print cartridge

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Southwest & southeast elevations

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Northeast elevation

HO-1048_2011-07-20_03
West room, mantel

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North room, corner cupboard



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West room, mantel

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North room, corner cupboard

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